Judicial Reforms

2556. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce certain reforms in the judicial system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFIARS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). A number of reform recommendation are under consideration of various Departments of the Government which aim at decentralisation of system of administration of justice, reforms of procedural laws, reduction/avoidance of litigation, etc. These include recommendations regarding Tax Courts, Forum for National Uniformity in Labour Adjudication, Urban Litigation-Mediation as Alternative to Adjudication, Benami Transactions, etc. Besides, a number of procedural and jurisdictional reforms recommended by Malimath Committee have been commended for suitable adoption to the High Courts/ State Governments.

Establishment of Rural Bank of India

2557. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to merge all Regional Rural Banks into a consolidated Rural Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Each Regional Rural Bank is a separate legal entity under the Regional Rural Banks' Act, 1976 and operates within the specified local limits. As per extant policy, the separate identity and character of such banks is to be maintained.

[*Translation*]

Branches of Nationalised Banks in Parbhani in Maharashtra

2558. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the nationalised banks functioning in Parbhani district of Maharashtra at present and their locations;

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued any licences to nationalised banks to open new branches in backward rural areas of Maharashtra this year;

(c) if so, the names of the places where new bank branches are proposed to be opened; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) 48 branches of nationalised banks are functioning in Parbhani District of Maharashtra. Their locations are given below:-